

TOWN OF EATON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03832

EVANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen took place on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the Evans Memorial Building. Present were Joyce Blue, Dick Fortin and Ed Reilly. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

The Board reviewed checks and signed the Accounts Payable manifest for \$13,172.54 for 15 items. The Payroll manifest and checks were also reviewed and signed.

At 4:01 pm, Joyce Blue called to order a Public Hearing regarding the acceptance of unanticipated revenue from the State of NH. Joyce Blue explained that the Town has received \$23,156.97 for bridge projects under SB401. Joyce Blue opened the Hearing for public comment. There being no comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 4:04 pm. ***Dick Fortin made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to accept the funds to be used for bridge projects. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed and amended the Minutes of January 3, 2023. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Dick Fortin, to adopt the Minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed the Minutes of January 11, 2023. ***Ed Reilly made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to adopt the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.***

The Board reviewed and amended the Minutes of the Non-Public Session held on January 11, 2023. ***Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adopt the Minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.***

Dennis Sullivan met with the Board to discuss the proposed gas station in the Town of Effingham and proposed that the Town send a letter to the Effingham ZBA and Planning Board. It was noted that the letter suggested by Dennis Sullivan will be prepared and signed out of session.

Joyce Blue explained that a resident approached her regarding the expansion of Town Hall and the status of the Building Committee. Joyce Blue suggested a Warrant Article to appoint a committee to review the need and possible expansion of Town Hall or perhaps consider hiring an architect. Dick Fortin suggested a Warrant Article to form a Capital Improvements Committee to review the list of larger expenditures and to come up with a possible plan for funding.

Joyce Blue noted that Ken Cargill will be submitting a plan and information for his property to be released from Current Use.

Dick Fortin noted that School Board Chair Chris Kennedy always met with the Selectmen to review the school budgets and enrollment numbers. The Board would like Monique Hebert to attend their next meeting.

Dick Fortin submitted a proposed Warrant Article for the transfer of funds from the Forest Management to the Conservation Commission operating account. Dick Fortin noted that the initial \$20,000 used to open the Forest Management account was timber income from a parcel designated as "conservation land" and not "Town Forest". Dick Fortin explained that as a result, that income could have been deposited into the Conservation Fund for general expenses.

Dick Fortin noted that a roof over the handicap ramp would cost approximately \$1300 for materials and that there is a possibility that labor would be donated.

Ed Reilly provided an update on the Planning Board and the three hearings held on January 11th.

Tracie & William Kittredge submitted a Building Permit Application to convert an approved ADU to a single-family residence and add a 988 square-foot second floor at 114 Thompson Hill Road (R11-042). The Building Permit application was reviewed and approved as all requirements of the 2022 Zoning Ordinance have been met. The Permit was signed by the Board of Selectmen (Permit #202232).

Signature items included correspondence to David Lovequist, Jonathan Simonds and Mark & Nancy Watson.

John Border submitted the most recent data from the digital speed signs.

Stephanie Mathurin submitted information regarding schedules for the upcoming Town Meeting.

Gibson Center for Senior Services submitted information in support of their petitioned Warrant Article for funding.

NH Municipal Association submitted Legislative Bulletins #2 and #3.

The Board reviewed and amended the proposed 2023 operating budget. The Board will meet on Monday, January 23rd, at 1 pm to continue working on the budgets.

Joyce Blue made a motion, seconded by Ed Reilly, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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